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For: Lithographic Projection Apparatus, Purge Gas Supply System and Gas  
Purging Method

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Sir:

We hereby request that the following items of information be corrected in the Filing Receipt for the subject application received in this office on November 6, 2006.

Applicants' respectfully note that the Title of the Invention was amended by the PCT on the International Search Report, as shown on the enclosed copy. Accordingly, the correct Title of the application should be that which was amended by the PCT since Applicants did not further amend the Title. Applicants' respectfully request that the Title be corrected because that Title was used on the "Declaration for Patent Application".

The errors and corrections appear below.

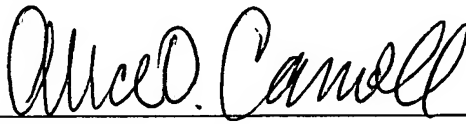
In the Title of the Invention, delete "gas purging method, device manufacturing method and purge gas supply system" and insert -- purge gas supply system and gas purging method --

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Pursuant to instructions in the February 29, 2000 O.G., we hereby request that the errors which are identified above be corrected in the captioned application to which this request for correction is directed. It is understood that the Patent Office will issue an automatically-generated, corrected Filing Receipt in this and, if applicable, any other affected applications.

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## Assignment For Published Patent Application

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## Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application is a 371 of PCT/US04/23490 07/21/2004

## Foreign Applications

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 10/623180 07/21/2003

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The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US10/565,486**

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**Title**

Lithographic projection apparatus, ~~gas purging method, device manufacturing method and purge gas supply system~~ **purge gas Supply System and gas purging method**

**Preliminary Class**

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(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference P69898PC00	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b> see Form PCT/ISA/220 as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/NL2004/000519	International filing date (day/month/year) 20/07/2004	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 21/07/2003
Applicant ASML NETHERLANDS B.V.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 4 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

## 1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

b. ☐ With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box II).

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (see Box III).

## 4. With regard to the title,

☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☒ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

LITHOGRAPHIC PROJECTION APPARATUS, PURGE GAS SUPPLY SYSTEM AND GAS PURGING METHOD

## 5. With regard to the abstract,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

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## 6. With regard to the drawings,

a. the figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 3

☐ as suggested by the applicant.

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b. ☐ none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER  
IPC 7 G03F7/20

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 H01L G03F

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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